

Fenwick Island Town Council

Minutes of the Special Meeting of February 17, 2012

Call to order and flag salute by Mayor Serio 1:00 PM

Council Members Present: Serio, Tingle, Langan, Smallwood, Weistling, Carmean, Bunting

Council Members Absent: None

Others in Attendance: Interim Town Manager Wontorek and members of the public

**Motion to approve minutes of Special Council Meeting January 27, 2012** - Council Member Weistling

Second – Council Member Carmean

DISCUSSION – none

Vote (7-0) minutes approved

**Cannon Street Park** – Council Member Weistling

Council Member Weistling advised that an architectural study done in late January, regarding the relocation of the basketball court, has resulted in a recommendation to use compact fill under the slab so that it will be on stable material. Bunting's contract includes the concrete pour and fencing. Projected occupancy date for the new Public Safety Building is 3/1/2012 at which time Bunting's crew will move on to another job site. Mr. Weistling asked if Council wants to have the concrete poured while Bunting is still on site or wait for a re-design and contract for the court at a later date. Current plan is to locate the court on the northeast corner of the lot and make the slab 26x26 to accommodate the "mat" now being used.

DISCUSSION - Mayor Serio advised that Dennis Cappo (local landscaper) met with Building Official Pat Schuchman to review the site and get a preliminary opinion on the current plan. Mr. Cappo advised that the proposed location for the basketball court seems fine but cautioned that the slab should be raised to prevent water collecting under it. Regarding the fence, Mr. Cappo suggested screening with an evergreen buffer in front that also will act as a sound barrier; screening with vines will take 3-4 years to mature and require more care than evergreens. Mr. Cappo reviewed the kayak launch area and suggested a 12x20 pad of crushed stone. Kayaks will need to be rinsed when they come out of the water and a water bib should be made available. He recommended a paved area for wheelchair access and a walkway from the street to the launch that is at least 4 feet wide. It should be pitched to promote drainage.

Council Member Carmean advised that she previously had voiced some concerns about the preliminary plans but is agreeable to what is proposed now that a professional landscaper has reviewed the area. She suggested that the Mayor reactivate the Park Committee. Mayor Serio noted that the walkway to the kayak launch should be in place before carrying out other plans. Council Member Weistling advised that just the north and south sides of the basketball court will be fenced; Bunting will pour the slab and locate the fence in line with the sewer pumping station to allow for a parking space. Mr. Weistling noted that the fence location may have to be bumped out in order to provide space for shrubs.

Council Member Bunting asked about fencing around the original park; Council Member Weistling advised that a white vinyl fence will be used around the Public Safety Building and may tie it in with the existing fence. Council Member Langan advised that fencing will be installed behind the handicap access ramp to separate the Public Works area from the Public Safety Building. Council Member Weistling added that it will be 8' high vinyl fencing.

Motion to proceed with the basketball court with plans and location(s) recommended by Dennis Cappo Associates – Council Member Tingle

Second – Council Member Carmean

Vote (7-0) to proceed

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**Motion to adjourn to Executive Session to Discuss Personnel Issues – Council Member Tingle**

Second – Council Member Bunting

Council adjourned the public session at 1:15 PM

Council returned to public session at 1:47 PM

Motion to accept Monday, February 20, 2012, as a floating holiday for Town employees – Council Member Carmean

Second – Council Member Langan

Vote (7-0) motion passed

Motion to correspond with first choice Town Manager candidate noting that some points are already included in the proposed contract and that the salary remains \$70,000 as in the initial offer – Council Member Carmean

Second – Council Member Langan

DISCUSSION - Dues, registration fees, cell phone are already mentioned in the proposed contract; moving expenses might be considered. Council Member Carmean advised that salary and vacation time are not negotiable but some consideration could be given for moving expenses. Mayor Serio advised that salary is not negotiable but she would be willing to consider moving expenses.

Vote (4-3); Council Members Tingle, Smallwood and Serio voting no

Motion to correspond with first choice Town Manager candidate indicating a response is required no later than close of business on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 and that Council will move on to its second choice candidate and offer a 2-year contract if no response by that time – Council Member Tingle

Second – Council Member Langan

DISCUSSION - Council Member Bunting advised that Interim Town Manager Tom Wontorek could email the candidate in order to get a timely response. Council Member Weistling suggested an Executive Session prior to the Regular Council meeting on Friday, February 24, 2012 to consider the response and its implications. That meeting will be at 2:45 PM.

Vote (7-0) motion passed

Motion to approve minutes from Executive Session January 19, 2012 – Council Member Bunting

Second – Council Member Langan

DISCUSSION – None

Vote (7-0) minutes approved

Motion to approve minutes from Executive Session January 27, 2012 – Council Member Bunting

Second – Council Member Langan

DISCUSSION – None

Vote (7-0) minutes approved

Motion to adjourn the Public Session - Council Member Carmean

Second - Council Member Langan

Meeting adjourned at 1:59 PM

Agnes DiPietrantonio, Town Clerk

For Diane Tingle, Secretary